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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

DRANE ET AL.

Examiner

John Chavis

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 October 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gauvin et al. (6,061,686).

#### Claims

1. A method of utilizing a software product, said software product including data on a fixed media, said method comprising the steps of:

utilizing said data on said fixed media;

and utilizing a network based data while the software product is in use for temporarily replacing outdated or errored data on said fixed media.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the network based data is downloaded for use only when said data is about to be

#### Gauvin

This feature is provided for in having information downloaded. The downloading process requires storing (on a fixed media to enable future updates, see col. 1 lines 48-67.

Gauvin utilizes a remote document (data on said fixed media), col. 2 lines 10-13.

Gauvin also provides for utilizing a network based data (see the request to access the web page, Col. 32-34) and temporarily replacing (until another update is required to make the data current and accurate, col. 1 lines 41-47.) data stored on the fixed media (by downloading information from a remote site instead of locally, col. 4 lines 41-48.)

Data is downloaded when it is about to be utilized (based on the URL of the request, col. 4 lines

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utilized.

43-48. See also col. 6 lines 64-66.

3. The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of determining whether said software product contains outdated or errored data upon running said software product.

See the rejection of claim 1, in which determining is required for replacing to occur.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the determining step includes the step of accessing said network to download tags of said outdated or errored data if there is outdated or errored data.

See col. 1 lines 21-30 in which the HTML documents for audio, images, etc. is sure to include tags. See also col. 9 lines 61-63.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein when an outdated or errored data is going to be used, a tag corresponding to said data is used to download the network based data to temporarily replace the outdated or errored data.

See col. 1 lines 51-54 and col. 4 lines 64-col. 5 line 2 and col. 5 lines 21-25.

In reference to claims 6-10, 11-15, and 16-20, see the rejections of claims 1-5 above. The stored method is considered the program product, see the reference to the fixed media of claim 1, in reference to claims 6-10 and the components of figure 5, which implements the method of claims 1-5 is considered to provide for the apparatus (claims 11-15) and the computer system (claims 16-20).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Chavis whose telephone number is (703) 571-3720. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Tue & Th-F, 8:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki can be reached on (703) 571-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-308-3988.

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